Naxalism a Rs. 1500 crore redcorridor empire

490. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government was drawn to the news report in media highlighting Naxalism today is a Rs. 1500 crore red-corridor empire, thriving in absence of writ of Government across the vast stretch of our land;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government has taken any step during the last five years aimed at containing the spread of lawlessness being perpetrated under the guise of extreme-Left ideologies *viz.*, Naxalism/Maoism, especially in the remote and backward regions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the outcome of such steps found so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) As per available inputs, Maoists collect 'levy' in their strongholds from contractors, tendu patta collectors, big landlords, businessmen etc. In the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. State Governments have been taking appropriate action to counter such activities.

(c) to (e) Government has adopted an integrated approach in dealing with LWE activities in the arenas of security, development and public perception. State Governments deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government supplements their efforts in several ways. These include deployment of Central paramilitary forces (CPMFs) and Commando Battalions for Resolute action (CoBRA); sanction of India Reserve (IR) battalions, setting up of Counter Insurgency and Anti Terrorism (CIAT) schools; modernization and upgradation of the State Police and their Intelligence apparatus under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF scheme); re-imbursement of security-related expenditure under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme; filling up critical infrastructure gaps under the scheme for Special infrastructure in Leftwing Extremism affected States; assistance in training of State Police through Ministry of Defence, Central Police Organisations and Bureau of Police Research and Development; sharing of Intelligence; facilitating inter-State coordination; launching special intra-State and inter-State coordinated Joint operations, assistance in community policing and civic actions and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of different Central Ministries.

CRPF recruitment scandal

491. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to CRPF recruitment scandal which has led to arrest of nine persons including IG of CRPF, involving racket in which Rs. 225 crore was involved and touts charged up to Rs. 3 lakh for every constable's appointment;